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Here's how Belleville turned into Booville for the month of October

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Last October, volunteers were just finishing cleaning up after Harvest Fest on Fourth Street, between the museum and the library, when they noticed a big crowd on the Fourth Street Square, right across Main Street.

Rosemary Loria and Bill Wolters went over to the square and found people taking pictures of about 80 women dressed as witches inside and around Egan's Irish Pub.



Thompson

They were socializing before getting on a party bus to take them to several other bars in the region.

Loria and Wolters have since related how the witches on the square got them to thinking that maybe the city of Belleville could expand its annual Halloween and Harvest Fest celebrations.

Loria brought it to the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, where she sits, and Wolters, who is president of the Belleville Central Business Community, bought it to the CBC membership.

The DDA agreed to participate and put extra decorating funds into the 2014 budget. The CBC jumped into the planning enthusiastically.

The DDA also encouraged its coordinator, Carol Thompson, to help shepherd the project along.

"The idea was hatched on how to celebrate the harvest and Halloween in Belleville," Thompson said on Saturday, as she sat behind a booth at the city's Harvest Fest recalling the beginning of Booville.

She said there were dozens of names suggested on what to call the celebration and "Booville" won. It was to run for the whole month of October.

In January and February, members of several local organizations started meeting together to come up with ideas for events.

It was meant to be for all three communities, but it turned out to be mainly a Belleville event this year.

Van Buren Township is holding its annual "Candy Loop" from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 25 at Quirk Park and is getting in on the publicity for Booville.

"It seems like now is the right time for Booville," Thompson said, adding some

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Robert Donald Tontalo, former Mayor of Belleville and City Councilman, passed away Saturday at the age of 84. He was a lettered football and basketball athlete at Belleville High School, class of 1948, and decorated Korean veteran. Mr. Tontalo was a volunteer at St. Anthony Catholic Church and helped start the Dad's Club and Men's Club and was Belleville's Man of the Year in 1990. He created the Santa Village at Christmas and Easter Parade and celebration at Victory Park with his wife Betty acting as Betty Rabbit. Mr. Tontalo was an official Justice of the Peace, among other services to the Belleville community where he lived his whole life. Full obituary on page 7.



The Huron Valley Conservation Club held its annual Memorial Picnic and distributed birdhouses to the children of members and friends to put up in the spring. The bird houses came from the estate of Jane Kovach and were given to the club by her son, Louis Kovach. At right is Gloria Dougherty, co-chairman of the memorial picnic. Each year members plant a tree in memory of a member or a bush in memory of a family member. This year there were eight plantings at their four-acre park in Willis.



Independent photo by James Otzman

About 25 antique farm tractors took part in Sunday's Wayne County Farm Bureau's Young Farmers Tractor Poker Run to earn money for the "Harvest for All" campaign to feed the hungry. The tractors gathered at the BYC in Van Buren Township and headed east on E. Huron River Drive to J.T.'s Pub & Grub at Haggerty Road. After picking up their playing cards there, the farmers headed south on Haggerty to Sam's bar at Haggerty/Bemis roads, where they picked up another playing card. Then they took the dirt roads over to Hull, where they got on Sumpter Road, heading north into the city to Egan's Pub. By 5 p.m. they were back at BYC for a banquet and to see which young farmer got the best poker hand.

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**Dash in Disguise event
 joins Booville. See page 24**

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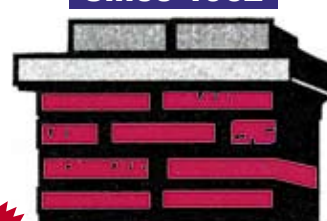
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Haggerty playground equipment moved to Owen Intermediate

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The playground equipment at Haggerty School is being moved to Owen Intermediate School this week and should be in place by Friday.

Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Michael Van Tassel announced this at the end of Monday's regular school board meeting.

He said a survey was taken of students at Owen from Sept. 15-19 and a special school committee met on Sept. 22 to go over the results. It was a unanimous decision to relocate the existing play equipment at Haggerty to Owen.

"Swing sets were highly requested by the students," Supt. Van Tassel said of the survey. He said that surprised the

committee.

But they found the existing swing sets were not movable and so on Sept. 25, Principal Jeff Moore met with the PTSO and they decided to apply for grants or otherwise raise funds to get \$5,000 for two, eight-swing sets.

Van Tassel said they met with Davenport Brothers Construction on Oct. 3 and they were able to get a low cost for moving the equipment. He said they were able to use Sinking Fund dollars to move the equipment.

He said Davenport dug up the equipment and it should all be in place by the end of this week – except for the swing sets.

"I saw Davenport moving it through town," reported board treasurer Sherry Frazier. "I appreciate the efforts of Mr. Van Tassel and James Williams to get it going," referring to the superintendent and the director of plant operations.

"It's good that Mr. Moore surveyed the students so he could get what they wanted," Van Tassel said.

Last June a group of ten parents with students at Owen approached the school board with research and a request to have recess and play equipment at Owen for their fifth and sixth grade students there.

When school started, a new lunch recess was included, but there was no play equipment and the parents were disappointed and came back to the board. That's when the special committee, without parents, was set up and the student survey taken.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the board:

- Was informed that Belleville High School has been designated as a New Tech Demonstration Site where schools interested in finding out about New Tech can visit and get information on the network. New Tech Director Scott Wilsey and 10 members of the New Tech staff were present to talk about New Tech;

- Approved a two-year contract with Marvin Lange, Lange Farms, LLC, of Van Buren Township, to farm the 24 acres where Elwell School used to stand in Sumpter Township, paying \$100 per tillable acre at \$2,400 per year for 2015 and 2016. Lange grew corn on the property this year and next year said he would probably grow soybeans. This lease is a renewal of the two-year lease he had;

- Approved a contract with Allied Building Service in an amount not to exceed \$84,755 from the 2014 Sinking Funds for the Bus Lot Electric Warming Station Replacement Project. There was only one bid on the contract, but it was

2014 Belleville Cougar Homecoming courts

The Belleville Cougars Football and Cheer Organization held their 2014 Homecoming Festivities the weekend of Oct. 4-5, with games all day Saturday and a Homecoming picnic on Sunday.

The Cougars are away this Sunday in Canton, and finish the year with home games on Oct. 18 and Oct. 25. Games are at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Registration for next year is just around the corner. Follow them on Facebook (Belleville Cougars Football and Cheer), Instagram (belleville_cougars) and on the webpage www.bellevillecougars.com.

determined it was a fair bid (\$73,700 plus 15% project contingency). Eric Dumont of Plant Moran CRESA told the board this recommendation was not a part of the original three-year Sinking Fund plan, but due to the need for ongoing repairs and safety issues, the decision was made to include this project this year. Dumont said the Sinking Fund had \$100,000 left over because of lower bids than expected on other projects. This warming station is for 64 buses to plug in and construction will begin within three weeks or so. Later on they will replace the station for 24 buses;

- Approved adding an Advanced Placement Statistics course at BHS for the 2014-15 school year for 11th and 12th grade students. This course will meet one-year mathematics requirement and a number of students are interested;

- Approved holding the Nov. 10 school board meeting at Owen Intermediate School and the Dec. 8 meeting at Rawsonville Elementary School so the board can see what was done with Sinking Funds at the buildings. Plans are to meet at 6:30 p.m. in order to tour the buildings before the 7 p.m. regular meetings. At the organizational meeting in January, the board can decide how to schedule the meetings at other schools throughout the year;

- Heard a report on the district's mathematics curriculum – Everyday Math and Carnegie Math -- highlighting the progress being made with the increased focus on math over the last two years;

- Approved the Owen Intermediate Camp Storer, Jackson, field trip for Dec. 1-5 for about 225 students, including the sixth grade classes and 11th and 12th grade counselors. Cost to students is \$265 each;

- Approved use of a school bus, at the regular rate, for the Boys and Girls Club field trip to Apple Charlie's Cider Mill and Apple Orchard in New Boston on Oct. 16;

- Approved requested terminations of: Patsy Wood, bus driver, 10 years, for other endeavors; Peggy Morgan, bus driver,

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Mini Pom Princesses, from left, Madison Hamilton, Layla Cather, Bella Williams, and Reina Torres



Jr. Freshman, from left, Court Zoe Williams, King Colorado Torres, Queen Kamryn Hill, and Court Madison Storms



Freshman, from left, Court Lilly Peters, Queen Sophie Harkle, King Ethan Summerlin, and Court Isabelle Porzondek



Jr. Varsity, from left, Court Kristian Williams, King Cameron Wallace, Queen Emily Edwards, and Court Erionna Warren



Varsity, from left, Court Tiffany Staples, King Kevin Decker, Queen Kiersten Mullett, Court Allison Krucki



Photo by Ashli Terrell

Belleville High School Homecoming Queen is Kendyl Zantop and she was crowned at half time at the football game with Thurston, which BHS lost. The Homecoming week festivities included a Harvest Festival, where each class worked together to build a scarecrow to be displayed during Booville. BHS resurrected the Powder Puff football game and the senior girls won against the junior girls, 15-0. On Saturday, students dressed up for the Wizard of Oz Homecoming dance and walked down the yellow brick road, which led to Emerald City.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

School district gets play equipment for Owen students

It took a while, but the parents at Owen Intermediate School can heave a sigh of relief over the news that the Haggerty School play equipment (except for swings) should be at Owen by Friday.

In June, a group of 10 parents, with a former FBI agent as the "closer," presented the school board with a pile of evidence, printed out for their reading pleasure. They were requesting recess breaks and play equipment for their fifth and sixth grade children.

Then, they waited. When school started in the fall, there was a new lunch recess on the schedule, so that was good.

The playground was a mess and parents worked together to clean it up, but there was no equipment. They went back to the board to ask for equipment, since they had been told at one point that Sinking Funds might be used to get equipment. Now, they were told no Sinking Funds could be used. A school committee (without parents) had been put together and the Owen principal surveyed the students about what kind of equipment they wanted. Supt. Van Tassel said they were surprised to find out the kids wanted swings most of all.

The Haggerty equipment is nice, except for the swings, which can't be moved. The PTSO is working to get a \$5,000 grant for the swing sets or raise funds another way.

Congratulations to the parents. It pays to be the squeaky wheel that gets the grease. Too bad it had to come to that.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

An Oct. 7 report in *The Detroit News* describes an off-duty Detroit police officer arrested in an alleged road rage incident in Birmingham.

A Beverly Hills couple alleges the officer's vehicle cut them off about 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 3, on Woodward near Maple Road in Birmingham. As the cars continued south, the incident escalated into "road rage" with erratic driving by the officer, the couple alleges.

The officer is said to have pulled up to the couple, lowered his window and laid his gun, a Glock .40 caliber, across his chest. That's called "brandishing." The couple called 911.

The weapon was confiscated and the car was impounded by Royal Oak police.

That's one of the things different from the local VBT incident with an off-duty Romulus police officer: VBT police didn't confiscate the weapon or impound the pickup truck. In the VBT incident the defendant is said to have pointed the gun at the victim.

The plea deal on the VBT case was expected to be worked out on Oct. 15, past this week's deadline. More next week.

Kim Ion of Van Buren Township warns the public of another scam. Last week she received a phone call from "the city clerk's office" saying she has back tickets to 2008 that she needs to pay immediately. She knew that wasn't true. They were after a credit card number, but she hung up. I told her I would alert the public and she should call it in to the police department, just so they know what's happening in their area.



I was leaving the office last week when a lady who was walking by with her family stopped me to say, "You have a very pretty city."

She and her family were from out of town and were doing a tour of the scarecrows on our lamp posts. It's quite a hike, but they were having a great time.

Quite a few Van Buren Township officials went up on that platform from the 101' aerial ladder that was in town recently as a demonstration model for what the fire department wants to buy.

I went up with Public Safety Director Greg Laurain (you saw the picture I took of him on last week's front page) and before us, Susan Ireland and Karin LaMothe went up. Supervisor Linda Combs said she went up, too, and she isn't bothered by heights, at all.

I told her I don't mind heights, but I don't like to do anything stupid.

I was remembering how I got chastised for going up in a small plane piloted by Rae Thom in the first years of our newspaper. I wanted to get some aerial shots of the construction on the new Belleville Bridge and it was great. Rae took me up several times for aerial photos in those days.

But, Maxine Heifner, one of our newspaper's investors, said she didn't want me to go up in a plane and crash since our paper had just started. I thought of Maxine as we were lifted up into the air on that

platform.

I made it, Maxine.

Gene Taylor, Belleville's retired police chief, called me to ask for a little note in the paper to encourage drivers to stop when they see red lights flashing on a school bus.

He said some of the drivers have been telling him that people aren't stopping, which is a danger for children.

Some drivers tell them they didn't see the stop sign extended on the side of the bus so they thought it was OK to pass.

Wrong. Whether the stop sign is extended or not, if the lights are flashing red, drivers must stop.

My niece, Lisa Renier, in Colorado went to the secretary of state's office in Boulder to get her driver's license renewed because her birthday was coming up.

When they took her picture, the facial recognition part of the device said she wasn't Lisa and her license was denied. She finally did whatever she had to do to confirm her identity and got her license.

She said she thinks all the states have facial recognition software on their driver's license cameras. It's news to me.



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Letters

Acho: 'I don't own the property' where cars are

To the Editor:

At a recent Sumpter Township Board meeting it was stated that I am the owner of the property where flood-damaged cars are being stored.

I am not the owner.

I have already had to field too many questions regarding the erroneous statement. I've had employees tell me customers say they may no longer do business with us because of this damaging assumption.

I know I was not the intended target of Craig Moody's oration, but I got caught in the crossfire.

We have been doing business in the Belleville community since 1985, the past 23 in Sumpter. In that time we have worked tirelessly to build a trusted and respected business.

For those of you who may not know, we suffered a devastating fire in November of 2013 and were closed for nearly 9 months. We have recently re-opened and it has been challenging, to say the least, to get back all the customers we have lost.

When things are said that are neither factual nor accurate, it can have a profound and negative effect on one's business. My hope is that anybody who has had positive experiences with us in the past will not judge us by what they read but how they have been treated here.

Respectfully,
Roy Acho
Beniot's Pizza Parlor
5 Star Market

LHI Gutter sure surprised this veteran

To the Editor:

After getting what I thought was a very good quote on a small amount of gutter installation, you can imagine my utter surprise when the contractor, Mr. Gary Linzell, owner of "LHI Gutter," arrived on site. He not only did the small amount that was quoted, but added on more than twice the amount, plus adding gutter guard all around, repairing some existing gutters and then telling me the total bill was "taken care of." THIS JUST BLEW MY MIND.

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for what I do and did on previous Flag Days the last couple of years honoring our veterans, was very much appreciated. I value this gesture no end. What he did certainly is more than what I undertake refurbishing flags and giving them away.

After telling his wife my story about flags, and then his wife commenting, "What are YOU going to do?" tells me he has a very special wife.

Thanks again. I never expected anything like this and, to top it off, his purchase of St. Anthony Men's Club Raffle tickets was icing on the cake. Buying two dinner tickets and then telling me to use them for me and my wife is a gesture over and above just being a nice guy. His support of Belleville community organizations indicates his involvement and dedication to the city. His donation of this job shows his patriotism to our veterans and our country.

Mr. Linzell, your generosity will be repaid by prayers for you and your family, as well as your business. As a veteran and on behalf of all veterans, I THANK YOU.

I can't thank Gary enough, so I need your help. Anyone needing gutter work, call him at (734) 697-0806, say "Thanks" for Pete, then give him your gutter install or repair business. He will give you an outstanding job at a fair price with professional results. Pete Pitzen
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Moose Lodge sets dinner for local veterans

To the Editor:

On Saturday, Nov. 8, the Belleville Moose Lodge will hold a special dinner honoring local veterans. A spaghetti with meat balls, salad and dessert dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. for \$10 per person and a cash bar. Children eat free.

The program will include monetary gifts from the David C. Brown Funeral Home for the Belleville VFW Post #4434 and the PLAV Post #167 from the proceeds of the Memorial Day Rolling Thunder, plus a kick off for the Toys for Tots and the Cell Phones for Vets programs. In addition, there will be entertainment, plus a Chinese and Silent Auction.

We are looking for monetary and/or donations of items, gift cards or baskets for the Chinese and Silent Auction. To make a reservation or to have your donation picked up, please contact Kathie Steigerwald by phone at (313) 570-6115 or at brownfamcenter@yahoo.com.

Please feel free to share this letter with your friends, family and employees. It is our hope that many of you will attend the dinner to honor our local veterans.

Sincerely yours,
Marvin Steigerwald
Trustee, Belleville Moose Lodge #934

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More Letters

Belleville UMW hosting 'Small World Shop'

To the Editor:

The United Methodist Women's (UMW) group from Ypsilanti First United Methodist Church will be visiting our Belleville First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m., to present their program, "The Small World Shop."

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Robert Donald Tontalo



ROBERT DONALD TONTALO

(May 10, 1930 - October 11, 2014)

We celebrate the wonderful life of Robert D. Tontalo, one of Belleville's most outstanding citizens, a leader in his church and community, a loving, dedicated husband to Betty, and father of daughters Patti, Sandy, Sherry, and Rebecca. Bob is also the proud grandfather of Trevor, and great-grandfather of Ashley.

A life-long Belleville resident, Bob and his parents lived on Main Street, where his parents ran a little shoe shop and later, the meat market. An incredible piano player, crowds of people on the street would stop to listen to him play from the house. He was also famous for giving impromptu piano concerts on the stage of Belleville High School during lunchtime to entertain his fellow students. Bob was a lettered football and basketball athlete at BHS.

Following Bob's graduation from BHS in 1948, Bob married the beautiful Homecoming Queen and High School President, Betty Cawthon in 1950. They were celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary on December 16, 2014.

Soon after their wedding, Bob joined the National Guard, but was immediately called for active duty in Korea. He became a Sergeant in the army. He was awarded the Bronze medal for his service on the front lines. Today as a proud Veteran, he is a member of the VFW and PLAV, acting as Chaplain at Veteran memorial services, honoring his fellow Vets. He also volunteers time and gifts to the Ann Arbor Veteran's facility. Once home again, their first child Patti was born in 1953. Eighteen months later, 1954, Sherry and Sandy arrived, a surprise at birth that Betty was carrying twins! And then in 1962, Rebecca was born, the three big sisters thrilled at the prospect of having a little living doll to play with.

Bob's four daughters grew up in the small town and carried their values into successful lives and careers. He is so proud of his girls. Patti, a teacher and author. Sherry, a flight attendant and proud Belleville booster. Sandy, mother of only grandson, Trevor, now a policeman in Tucson. Trevor's daughter, Ashley, is Bob's

only great-grandchild. And Rebecca, part-time actress, living now in California. Son-in-law Dennis, elementary principal, has been a valued addition to Bob's family, where the over-abundance of female energy could be balanced out with another man's point of view. Many rescued dogs over the years rounded out the family, little Katie now a popular dog who knows everybody in town thanks to Sherry's daily walks with her.

Bob's 40-year career with Jervis B. Webb highlighted his natural skills and talents in mathematics, logic, and organization. In 40 years, Bob was recognized for missing only 2 days! He retired in 1993 and focused on working at home and enjoying the family's cottage on Silver Lake in the Irish Hills. Bob's meticulous attention to details and accuracy throughout his life resulted in a retirement job of renting two small homes in Belleville as well as managing the historic 1950's apartments built by his father, Jack Tontalo and friend, Joe Toten. As a life-long member of St. Anthony's church, Bob has been an active volunteer serving the needs of the church and school. Whether it was a festival, a school fund raising event, or weekly ushering for mass, everyone knew that Bob could be counted on to contribute and do whatever needed to be done. As one of the founding members of the St. Anthony's Dad's Club and Men's Club, Bob was a key part of every activity from the 1960s until the 2000s. He served in the capacity of President, Vice President, Secretary, and all-around do-it-all guy. In the 1980s, Bob served the city as a Councilman and Mayor, and he wore the hats of Fire Commissioner and Cemetery Commissioner as well. He created the Santa Village at Christmas and the Easter parade and celebration in Victory Park, with vivacious wife Betty acting as Betty Rabbit. He also acted in the official role of Justice of the Peace and performed the marriage ceremony for many happy couples at City Hall and in the park gazebo. Bob is one of the most honest men

one could ever meet. His integrity is beyond reproach, his word is truth. He is strong and brave, and in the last few years, he has fought to overcome his physical and medical difficulties. In his words, he remained "strong like bull," he ignored pain and carried on. He persevered under stress and never gave up.

Bob is a one-of-a-kind man, honest, generous, always looking to help anyone in need. He is a modern-day knight in shining armor, a man of integrity, honor, and the highest value of decency. In 1990, Bob was chosen as Belleville's Man of the Year, but to Bob's family and friends, he is a Man of the Century.

Visitation was Monday, October 13, 2014 from 6-8 P.M., Tuesday, October 14, 2014 from 5-8 P.M. at David C. Brown Funeral Chapel, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, Michigan. A funeral mass was Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 11:00 A. M. at St. Anthony Catholic Church 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, Michigan with interment following at Hillside Cemetery Belleville, Michigan.

Please sign his on-line guestbook and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Elvia Margarita Rosas De Noguez

MARGARET E. ROSAS-NOGUEZ

(January 3, 1952 - October 11, 2014)

Elvia Margarita Rosas De Noguez was born on January 3, 1952 in Mexico D.F. She grew up in Mexico City and graduated as a cosmetologist. She was married to the love of her life, Felipe

Noguez Sanchez on May 15, 1974.

She was very caring, kind, positive, sweet, and giving woman, without expecting anything in return. You could feel the warmth of her soul from the first time you met her. She was a very family oriented woman, always wanting to be with and around her loved ones. She shared that love through delicious cooking, which filled the house with warmth and welcome. Her favorite thing to do was eat sweets, cakes in particular were her favorite, and she also enjoyed watching soccer. She would cheer her lungs out whenever there was a game on, no matter if it was television or live. She was full of happiness and brought that to everyone around her.

On October 11, 2014 she finished her mission surrounded by the love of family, and got called by God to take her home to be with her mom and the rest of her family, after all she will never be alone.

Remaining family members are husband Felipe Noguez Sanches, daughter Elvia (Robert) Candelaria, son Julio (Ekaterina) Noguez, grandchildren Gabriel and Daniela Candelaria. Visitation will be Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 12-4 P.M. with a 4 P.M. funeral service at David C. Brown Funeral Home 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, Michigan 48111. Memorial contributions may be made to the family and would be greatly appreciated.

Please sign her on-line guestbook to share a memory with her family at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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Isabelle Angel Kalasz

ISABELLE A. KALASZ

(March 18, 1917 - October 8, 2014)

Isabelle Angel Kalasz, age 97, of Superior Township, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at her home. She was born March 18, 1917 in Nova Scotia, Canada, daughter of Joseph & Elizabeth (Rezes) Angel.

Isabelle was a Licensed Practical Nurse at Ridgewood, Romulus and Beyer Hospitals, before she retired from Oakwood-Annapolis, Wayne, MI. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, where she was active in the Altar Society and St. Theresa's Circle. She was also a member of September Days Senior Citizens, Belleville. She enjoyed oil painting and crocheting.

She is survived by three children: Michael Joseph (Betty) Kalasz of Holland, MI, Sharon R. (Ed) Manier of Ypsilanti, MI and David Leslie (Jan Virta) Kalasz of Manistee, MI; 15 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Leonard Kalasz in 1981; daughter Sylvia Kalasz; four brothers Joseph, George, Stewart and Paul Angel; also three sisters Mary Hollis, Margaret Murphy and Julia Pechan.

Visitation was 3-8 PM Friday with a 7:00 PM Scripture Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. In-state 10-11 AM Saturday, October 11, 2014 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, with an 11:00 AM Funeral Mass. Father Thomas H. Cusick served as Celebrant. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Jane Margaret Bokon

JANE MARGARET BOKON

(October 5, 1928 -- October 9, 2014)

Jane Margaret Bokon, age 86, of Belleville passed away October 9, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Louis Bokon. Loving mother of Diana (Ron) Campbell, Jackie Kremhelmer (Cliff Wright), and John (Dawn) Bokon. Dearest grandmother of Brian (Julie) Campbell, Michael (Kelly) Campbell, Kerry Kremhelmer, Jodi Parrish; and great-grandmother of Trevor and Seth Campbell, McKenzcy and Blake Kelley, Abel Kremhelmer, and Keith and Aiden Parrish.

She enjoyed baking, gardening, and most of all

doing genealogy. She began her hunt for her ancestors in 1978.

Funeral service was Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home (next to Michigan Memorial Park), 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734)783-2646. Visitation was Monday, 1-8 p.m. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park.

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Leone Florence Smith

LEONE FLORENCE SMITH

(August 28, 1921-- October 10, 2014)

Mrs. Leone Florence Smith passed away Friday, October 10, 2014 at Superior Wood, Ypsilanti, Michigan. She was born August 28, 1921 in Dearborn, Michigan, a daughter of James Philip and Laura Abigail (Rockwood) Vail.

On May 31, 1948 she was married to Arnold Burdette Smith in Houlton, Maine. Mrs. Smith moved to Belleville in 2004 having prior made her home in Taylor and Milan. Mr. Smith preceded her in death on October 14, 1988.

Mrs. Smith enjoyed reading and watching old black and white movies. However, her greatest joy came from spending time with her family.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her two loving daughters Betty (Larry) Crenshaw and Dorothy (David) Dunnigan. She was the fond grandmother of 6 grandchildren: Sheila Kostovski, Joseph Crenshaw, Wendy Beseau, David Dunnigan, Stephanie Gutierrez and Carrie Glass; 14 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Smith is preceded in death by her parents and 8 brothers and sisters. The family received friends from 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 with a memorial service at 1:00 P.M. at the Higgerson & Neal Funeral, 209 Main St., Belleville (734-697-9400). The family has suggested memorial contributions to the American Lung Association, 1475 E. 12 Mile Rd., Madison Heights, MI 48071. www.hnfhome.com

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KATHY R. BANKS

(January 14, 1951 -- October 11, 2014)

Mrs. Kathy Raye Banks passed away Saturday, October 11, 2014 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born January 14, 1951 in Wyandotte, Michigan, a daughter of Ralph Gerald and Anne Marie (Polkas) Wicklund.

On June 20, 1969 she was married to William M. Banks in Belleville, Michigan moving to Romulus from Taylor in 1979. Mrs. Banks enjoyed camping, campfires, bird watching and spending time in the Upper Peninsula. All these activities were enjoyed with her number one priority, her family.

Mrs. Banks is survived by her loving husband of 45 years William M. Banks. Dear mother of Scott Banks, Sean Banks and Holly (Jeff) Gonyea. Loving grandmother of 5 grandchildren; sister of Geraldine Dockter, Howard Wicklund and Ralph Wicklund. Preceded in death by her 2 loving grandchildren Kaitlyn and Mishayla and her brother Norman Wicklund.

There will be a gathering of friends and family on Friday, October 17, 2014 from 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. at the Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville (734-697-9400). www.hnfhome.com

More Letters

Those driveways in VBT need to be repaired

To the Editor:

I wrote a letter before concerning this matter about the potholes on the I-94 Service driveway leading into the parking lot of the old Farmer Jack's and all the other businesses which are occupied. Also, the driveway next to McDonald's on Belleville Road. This is a serious matter, causing serious damage to automobiles, etc. I understand Canvasser Development owns this parking lot. Mr. Mark, you need to take care of this matter.

Charlie C. Crispell
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MICHAEL D. 'MIKE' CZINSKI

(July 20, 1962 - October 13, 2014)

Michael D. "Mike" Czinski, age 52, passed away Monday, October 13, 2014 at home in Willis with his loving family by his side.

He was born July 20, 1962 in Ypsilanti, the son of Anthony and Jacqueline (Simon) Czinski. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1980, went on to Washtenaw Community College with a criminal justice degree and then attended the police academy in Jackson.

Mike retired as a detective/sergeant from the Sumpter Township Police Department after many years of service. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include: his mother Jacqueline Czinski; his loving wife of 23 years Mary; three children Michelle, Emily and Michael; one sister Christine (David) Nelson; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Anthony D. Czinski.

The funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday, October 17, 2014 at Stark Funeral Service, 101 South Washington St., Ypsilanti, (734) 482-4900. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

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Open letter to VBT Planning Commission

To the Editor:

An Open letter to Van Buren Township Planning Commission

First I'd like to thank each of the commissioners for their important service to our community. The planning commission does an excellent job of addressing issues that affect the development of our municipality while protecting the interests of our residents who live in Van Buren Township. I applaud their judgment and thoughtful considerations on the many issues that are submitted for their determination.

In recent months the township board

of trustees has been barraged with numerous complaints about unfinished Planned Residential Developments. To our misfortune, and because of the most recent financial collapse of the housing market, there seems to be very little that can be done to remedy these complaints. However, some effort has been undertaken to help resolve the concerns of homeowners affected by those bankruptcies directly related to several unfinished developments.

My reason for addressing the commission this past week was for clarification of how the process is supposed to work and how residents can get answers to the existing problems even as we envision more effective ordinance enforcement. By "more effective" I mean substantial penalties to those individuals who repeatedly violate township zoning restrictions and others who refuse to abide by original Planned Residential Development Agreements (PRDs).

In past decades enforcement has often been too little and too late for those affected by the incorporation of cheap materials or poor craftsmanship in building our neighborhoods. Also, because of insufficient standards for inspection, or maybe not enough qualified professionals to oversee these developments, some projects apparently were never completed according to the originally agreed upon PRDs.

I commend our planning commission and hope that they will be inspired to revise any current zoning ordinances that do not meet the criteria for a rapidly changing 21st Century lake community. Residents need to be confident that the standards will be kept fair and enforcement will be swift and without prejudice for every property owner

within the community. Home ownership should never be diminished because of careless or callous municipal oversight. Those employees assigned to this vitally important task should apply equal enforcement of all building and zoning provisions without any preconceived personal interpretation of the applicable standards.

Too many times ordinance enforcement has had to rely on neighborhood complaints to address issues that are quite apparent to anyone driving the roadways and subdivision streets in this township. Obvious blight and careless maintenance issues need to be regularly policed and (when necessary) ticketed until compliance is met. "Ghetto housing cancer" is a risk to citizens in every major metropolitan region in America today. We shouldn't wait to fall victim to this malaise.

Van Buren Township Resident,
CeJay Marshall

Women's Club to host Carol Ann Fausone

To the Editor:

The Belleville Area Women's Club thanks all the candidates and members of the audience who attended our "Meet the Candidates" on Oct. 2 at the Belleville Moose Lodge. We are most grateful to the Moose Lodge for allowing us to hold the forum in their building and to Steve Jones, Unlimited DJ, for his assistance with the sound. The club looks forward to hosting this event again prior to the next election.

Speaking at our October monthly meeting was Dr. Lisa Sullivan from Puro Medicine in Belle Plaza. Dr. Sullivan described how she goes to the root of people's maladies with her wellness program.

Speaking at the Nov. 3 meeting will be candidate for State Representative Carol Ann Fausone. Carol Ann served in the Air Force for 36 years and was the first woman to earn the rank of Brigadier General in the Michigan National Guard. We welcome guests to hear her speak. Reservations for our 6:30 p.m. dinner must be made prior to Oct. 30. No reservations are necessary to hear her speak at around 7 p.m. The BAWC meets at the Belleville Moose

Lodge, 48476 Harris (corner of Sumpter & Harris).

The BAWC welcomes new members with annual dues of only \$50. We meet monthly on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner prepared by the Women of the Moose. Feel free to call me at the number below with any questions or to make a reservation.

Janet Millard, Secretary
Belleville Area Women's Club
(734) 558-5368

You're invited to 'That's Amore' dinner-dance

To the Editor:

With your help, last year our *That's Amore* dinner-dance raised over \$15,000 for pediatric leukemia research. We have raised over \$225,000 for cancer research and bone marrow testing since 1994.

This year our annual *That's Amore* dinner-dance auction will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Van Buren Eagles Hall at 9961 Beck Road in Belleville, MI.

This event will benefit the Charles Woodson Research Fund at Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

This is open to the public. Tickets are \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door, if available. This includes dinner catered by Nico & Vali Italian Eatery of Plymouth, beer wine, and live silent auctions, dancing with DJ, late-night pizza, and fun with friends.

We would like to invite you to attend our event. If you would like to make a donation for our auction, or for ticket or other information, please call (734) 657-0048 or (734) 699-8836 or email to thatsamore777@sbcglobal.net for information.

Families going through the devastating effects of this disease know all too well what tough is. Help us help them. A community that comes together and works together can achieve great things. Together we can make a difference and have great hope for tomorrow for all our children. I would like to thank you for your consideration, your support in the past and your *Amore* in the future.

Linda Combs

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Vote for me on Nov. 4 for district library board

To the Editor:

My name is Sharon C. Peters and I am running for Belleville Area District Library (BADL) Board because I love libraries and think they are essential to strong communities.

I have life-long experience in public service and public policy formation to bring to the job of taking the BADL to its next important phase. I am running to solve problems — to identify an affordable way to meet the community's library needs. I heard, loud and clear, the public's expression this summer that cost is a major factor. I have had lots of experience with public budgeting and with strong stewardship of the public dollar.

My career has been in public policy, specifically in children's policy issues and education. I have served in elective office, having been elected to a seat on the Lansing School District Board of Education, where I served as treasurer and then president. In that role, I was active in the formation of the Lansing District Library, which transitioned, by a vote of the people, out of a school district library system.

I am NOT running with a bone to pick. The environment around our BADL has become way too contentious. I am running with a cooperative spirit to embrace the diverse perspectives of the people of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren and find ways to provide them the information services essential for modern life. And while an affordable approach to building needs is important, my focus will always first be on the information services for which the library exists.

Our library is for learners of all ages. For very small children, the focus of much of my professional career, that may mean engaging in the kind of emergent literacy activities that form the basis of learning to read. For older people, it may mean help accessing and unlocking the technology of the world-wide web, where so much 21st century information is stored. For any number of adults, it may mean cutting through mountains of information to access just the right government form or job application to be able to make progress in their lives. For all of us, it may be identifying just the right piece of literature to inform, entertain and enrich our lives. Our library staff is essential in fitting services to the peoples' needs.

The modern age makes libraries more, not less, important. Our BADL addresses all of these challenges admirably within its current limitations, but is under-resourced and cramped in a physical space that is inadequate for the technological requirements of a 21st century library.

Those elected to the BADL board this fall will need to be unified with remaining members of the board to solve this dilemma.

I support the experienced team of Dawson, Henning, Monte and Peters.

Again, I am Sharon C. Peters asking for your vote on Nov. 4 for BADL Board.

Sharon C. Peters, Van Buren Township

Vote for the whole Common Cents slate

To the Editor:

Since the Inception of the District Library Board approximately four years ago, I have faithfully attended meetings, missing only two that I can recall. As a regular witness to the conduct of the board, I honestly report that it's time for new personnel on that board.

We have an opportunity to change the direction of the District Library, a new direction that is responsive to the community interests -- not the interests of the library cabal (secret political clique).

On November 4, please vote for:

1. LaChelle Reed Caver, an attorney with 15 years' experience and a co-pastor of a southwest Detroit community church;

2. Bernard Grant, an architect, planner and project manager with 28 years of experience;

3. Phillip Miller, experience in municipal and non-profit finance, project and grant management. Currently the Deputy Director of Finance in an Oakland County community;

4. Tanya Stoudemire (Mrs. Phillips) - an expert in library budgets, current General Manager of Detroit Income Tax Department with 50 employees.

It is important that **all members** of this team be elected. The community would be well served.

Barbara Miller

A Van Buren Resident

Disclaimer: Phillip Miller, a member of this slate, is my son.




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What I believe about our Area District Library

To the Editor and Readers:

This is what I believe about our present and future Belleville Area District Library:

- That Belleville area residents would like to have an updated library.
- That the cost is within our residents' budgets.
- That an updated/new facility is centrally located.
- That there is an accessible satellite library.
- That it keeps library usage in the Belleville area rather than using Canton's or Ypsilanti's libraries.
- That it is up-to-date in technology.

• That it provides services for young people as well as adults of all ages.

• That our residents would like to see a library board willing to work together with compromise – and not being entirely divisive.

• That our present library staff is and has been accountable to the community and the library board.

• That the library should use "due diligence" with community support to update or build a new facility.

• That it is necessary to engage as many residents as possible in the process of updating library facilities so that our residents feel vested in the process.

• That MJ Dawson, Paul Henning and Sharon Peters are the voices of reason – not voices of divisiveness.

I know, and have worked with MJ Dawson, Paul Henning, and Sharon Peters, and feel that they will act in the best interest of our library community as well as our Belleville-area community.

Thank you,

Joseph Monte, Van Buren Township Candidate for reelection to the Belleville Area District Library Board

Vote for Dawson, Henning, Monte, Peters

To the Editor:

Who do we want on our Belleville Area District Library (BADL) Board?

• People who are actively involved in our community:

Mary Jane Dawson is active with the Belleville Area Historical Museum, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Belleville Area District Library, Belleville Yacht Club, Van Buren Eagles Women's Auxiliary, and VFW Women's Auxiliary;

Joe Monte is a retired Van Buren Public Schools administrator, Lions Club member, and vice president of St. Stephen's Parish Council;

Paul Henning served eight years as Van Buren Public School's Communications Specialist;

Sharon Peters is a member of the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library, member of Trinity Episcopal Church, executive board trustee of the Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club, and member of the NAACP.

• People who have served on library boards, have an active interest in our library, and actually use our library:

Mary Jane Dawson was appointed to the original BADL Board, was elected to the current BADL Board, and serves as the current chair of the BADL Board;

Joe Monte was appointed to the original BADL Board and was elected to the current BADL Board;

Paul Henning was appointed to the original BADL Board.

Dawson, Henning, Monte, and Peters are all registered users of BADL.

• People who care enough about the democratic process and accountability to respond to voter guide questionnaires (like the one from mlive.com): Dawson, Henning, Monte, and Peters all responded to both the Belleville *Independent's* and [mlive.com's](http://mlive.com) voter guide questionnaires, because they know an educated electorate is the foundation of democracy.

• People who have prepared, approved, and monitored Library budgets: Libraries have unique challenges and issues which impact their budgets. An understanding of the wide range of library issues is essential to preparing, approving, and monitoring a library budget. The issues facing our Library are not the same that have been faced by the City of Detroit over the last ten years. We need a Board that understands our communities, and the myriad of issues

impacting our library's budget. Mary Jane Dawson, Joe Monte, and Paul Henning have this experience.

The choice is obvious. This is why I support Dawson, Henning, Monte, and Peters for Belleville Area District Library Board.

James B. Lenze,
Van Buren Township Resident

Common Cents slate: A Values Proposition

To the Editor:

The Library Board election is about values. The Common Cents Library Committee (CCLC) slate of LaChelle Reed Caver, Bernard A. Grant, Phillip Miller and Tanya Stoudemire (Phillips) is running a campaign based on values.

Our values are simple and clear: Accountability, Transparency, Community Involvement and Respect. The people served by the Belleville Area District Library (BADL) deserve humble public servants.

As I met have with members of the three communities served by the BADL board, I have come to realize that there is a near-universal frustration with how things have been handled regarding the site selection and the treatment of Sumpter's satellite location. It is clear to me that the values of the current board, and their new/old friends, are diametrically opposed to those held by the community and by the CCLC.

Accountability -- Professionals and consultants will be held to high standards of performance, behavior and outcomes.

The CCLC believes that the people employed and retained by the BADL should meet the board's performance expectations. In the past, hundreds of thousands of the community's dollars have been wasted in the debacle known as the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) / Spencer plan and a pittance chucked at Sumpter.

On numerous occasions, I have witnessed the professionals retained give poor advice, fail at their objectives, provide work not worthy of a passing grade and fail most egregiously, but then are rewarded with an increase in pay. This dysfunction is

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Common Cents Library Committee candidates uphold these values:

- **Accountability**—Professionals and consultants will be held to high standards of performance, behavior and outcomes. Poor performance will be addressed.
- **Transparency**—Board deliberations will be open and recorded for web casting. Minutes will be detailed and available online. Closed Sessions will be minimal.
- **Community Involvement**—Concerns and opinions of the public and patrons will be sought and considered from the beginning, not after the fact.
- **Respect**—Citizens and patrons will be treated with civility and courtesy.

VOTE 4

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unacceptable and will be addressed by Common Cents.

We pledge to uphold the industry standards. We pledge we will not allow poor performance to continue, or worse, be rewarded. Our slate includes an expert in public sector finances and capital planning (that is also a licensed builder and member of the American Planning Association) that came up through operations (Miller), an architect that has worked on major regional developments (Grant), a lawyer that has an extensive practice involving seniors, children and families (Caver) and an expert in taxes, library finances and operations (Stoudemire).

Transparency -- Board deliberations will be open and recorded for webcasting. Minutes will be detailed and available online.

"Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants." -- Future Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis from "What Publicity Can Do."

Many of the decisions made regarding the site selection for the defeated library proposals were discussed *ad nauseam* under cover of "closed sessions" facilitated by legal counsel and perpetuated by the other professionals. These discussions lacked sufficient transparency to allow the trustees to discover the deepest truths and the closed sessions became an echo chamber of bad ideas.

Before the "sunlight" quote, Louis Brandeis had spoken about "the wickedness of people shielding wrongdoers and passing them off as honest men" and how the "duty of publicity" would remedy these situations.

It is CCLC's position that transparency will provide a remedy to the echo chamber. The fact that the library roof leaks and that the fascia are in ill repair is no accident. If we had detailed minutes and recordings of the sessions, we would see who the actors are that promoted delay of maintenance and hold them accountable. I believe our opposition candidates plan to continue to ignore the will of the people. As one of the current board members said from the

dais, "There is nothing that will stop us from bringing the DNR/Spencer site plan back before the voters if it fails in August." I disagree. A resounding win for the four members of the Common Cents Slate would send a clear message that the communities have seen the truth and are done waiting. The citizens are ready for the discussions surrounding the library and services. The CCLC seeks to represent your values.

Community Involvement: Concerns and opinions of the public and patrons will be sought and considered.

It is our belief that we will be the servants of the community implementing the community values, addressing concerns and meeting expectations for the library. We will not be a remote entity, reigning from on high, rather believing that our authority comes from the people that elected us. We promise to maintain that sense of alignment to the community through public input, participation in discussions and, most importantly, hear criticisms of how we are doing.

We know as professionals that it isn't personal when people come with criticisms of the board or the library. In fact, it may be honest attempts to help the trustees improve services and organizational performance, address staff concerns, or even raise public safety issues. The strategy of the current board through the course of the DNR proposed millages treated the public with contempt, starting from the chairwoman who exhibited open hostility towards respected members of the community.

The CCLC will see its role as elected humble servants sent to represent you. We will use our knowledge and expertise to maximize, not minimize, public participation and input. We will use proven methods to get people involved. We will seek opinions first when it comes to major planning and operational changes. We will provide direct email and communication links so that we can have open and ongoing dialogue with our patrons, citizens and, most importantly, tax payers. While we are professionals, we are also parents, step-parents, caretakers of adults, concerned neighbors and stewards of the public trust. The community's concerns are our own.

Respect - Citizens will be treated with civility and courtesy.

There is nothing more frustrating than

trying to have a meaningful conversation with elected leadership and then to be disrespected, treated as inferior, or met with outright hostility. Each one of us running for these four spots from the CCLC understands that. We will strive to treat everyone with courtesy and respect, as the citizen comes before the board. Our community has diversity. Our ticket reflects that diversity. We have cognitive, social, economic and racial diversity as a hallmark of our ticket.

Our values are very likely your values. We believe you will see yourselves reflected in our concerns.

Please vote for all four members of the Common Cents Library Committee slate of LaChelle Reed Caver, Bernard A. Grant, Phillip Miller and Tanya Stoudemire.
Phillip Miller, CCLC, Treasurer

BBB sends alert on firm scamming schools

To the Editor:

Please help the Better Business Bureau alert area schools about *Scholastic School Supply*, purportedly located in Las Vegas, NV and Sewell, NJ, which is sending phony invoices to schools around the nation.

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- Tuesday, Oct. 21 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, Oct. 22 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. (rescheduled from Oct. 15) Also, Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 28 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m.

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- **Shredded workers compensation insurance while eliminating worker safety commissions;**
- **Passed right-to-work legislation under the guise of “freedom to work”;**
- **Placed emergency managers who thwarted democracy and took control of cities and schools;**
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More Letters

Public invited to Nov. 20 arguments on Fermi 2

To the Editor:

While, on behalf of Citizens' Resistance At Fermi 2 (CRAFT), I have been playing what seems like an internet game of filing Replies and Answers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff, DTE Electric's lawyers, and the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

The above-mentioned organizations have been filing against CRAFT, as well as the other Legal Intervenors. No one sees these filings except the people already involved; therefore, I am writing to bring the public up to date on this most serious "game."

CRAFT filed the Leave to Intervene and Request for a Public Hearing in the 20-year license extension requested for the Fermi 2 nuclear reactor. Then DTE lawyers and NRC Staff filed "Answers" to ASLB that we have no right to a public hearing.

We then filed a "Combined Reply" stating our legal (and moral) rights to a hearing. This filing included a letter from Walpole Island First Nation Chief Dan Miskokomon stating their tribal rights at the Fermi site under the Treaty of Detroit.

"Our membership still actively fishes in and harvests the resources of western Lake Erie and other areas in close proximity to Fermi 2," stated Miskokomon. "We would like an opportunity to thoroughly review the license renewal process to ensure that our rights are protected."

Both the NRC and DTE hold that WIFN has no right in this procedure because they are Canadians. Since WIFN is within the 50-mile radius of Fermi, CRAFT filed that excluding WIFN is in violation of Environmental Justice laws. Then the NRC Staff filed a "Motion to Strike" and actually red lined out CRAFT's filings. We filed a reply to that foolishness.

Meanwhile, the ASLB has set a meeting for oral arguments to be heard in the case on Nov. 20, starting at 9:30 a.m., in the Monroe County Court House. While no one who has not been in on the filings will be able to speak, the public is welcome to come out and bear witness.

Sincerely,
Jessie Pauline Collins
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Editor's Note: Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township are outside the 10-mile Evacuation Zone in case of a meltdown at Fermi 2 like the reactors at Fukushima had. But the three communities are inside the 50-mile Potential Contamination Zone if Fermi 2 had a meltdown.

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The Belleville High School boys and girls swim and dive team are holding their **2nd Annual Bottle Drive Fundraiser** this weekend, Oct. 18 & 19 at two locations: the BHS parking lot and at Victory Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days.

The **Belleville Zombie 5-K Run** is this Saturday, Oct. 19 beginning with a 9 a.m. sign-up at the Horizon Park gazebo and a 10 a.m. race start. More than 130 participants have entered. Visit www.active.com to register online.

Perspective Eyecare on Belleville Road is offering 40% off a complete pair of eyeglasses with the purchase of contact lens exam, fitting, and 6 months of contacts. Call (734) 699-1010.

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Birthdays

Oct. 17 – Alisa Kuchta Renier

Oct. 26 – Mark McArthur

Oct. 27 – Brenda McArthur

Do you have a birthday in October? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.



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VBT Planners again recommend approval for McDonald's extra lane

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Although McDonald's restaurant at 2193 Rawsonville Road got approval to put in an extra drive-through lane about a year and a half ago -- and didn't -- now it wants to be on a fast-track to get it done.

At its regular meeting on Oct. 8, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission held a public hearing, at which no member of the public spoke, and approved the new-old project to move it along.

The approvals had expired, so McDonald's attorney Paul Nystrom, of Dykema Gossett law firm, presented the identical plans and specifications from two years ago when the McDonald's franchise owner Scott Powlus first approached the township.

"We obtained your approval one-and-a-half years ago and didn't go forward," Nystrom said, adding McDonald's contracted the work out the day before this meeting, "to get going if we can."

"We're hoping to get it done before the snow falls," he said, adding it will take two to three weeks to complete the project.

He suggested if the commission approves recommending the special land use, it could go to the township board on Oct. 21 and come back to the planning commission on Oct. 22 for final site plan approval.

He said the side-by-side drive-through will improve the site, look better, and get customers through the lane faster.

Planning consultant Sally Hodges

recommended approval of the special land use. She said the plans have changed slightly so the lane will extend farther east on the site, making the escape drive narrower, down to 20', which is all right because it is a one-way drive and doesn't have a material impact on the plan.

"It's exceptionally rare we take action the same night as the public hearing," said Commission Chairwoman Carol Thompson, saying she felt this was OK because they had approved it before.

Commissioner Byron Kelley said he would like to move this along. He said that McDonald's gets so busy on weekends that the line reaches out to Rawsonville Road.

The commission also granted preliminary site plan approval.

"You're on the fast-track," Thompson said to Nystrom.

Ordinance changes

Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the planning commission, said since it was announced that the commission is looking at updating the zoning ordinances, she has received some calls.

She suggested they look at what can and can't be parked in driveways because if the ordinance isn't sound, ordinance officers can't act on it.

Commissioner Joan Franzoi asked if she was referring to not being able to park on the grass, and Budd said, no, she was thinking of boats and motor homes.

Hodges said those kinds of ordinances

are hard to write, but they would look into it.

Cejay Marshall of Haggerty Sub, said he wouldn't have come to the meeting if he knew Budd was back from her conference and would mention his problem. He said he has been in VBT for 26 years and this is the first time he has come to them with a problem.

He said some of his neighbors are storing recreational vehicles, commercial trailers, and boats in their yards.

He said the problem is that renters in some of the homes are destroying the properties. There are three properties on Coolidge: one abandoned home is being kept after by township workers; the occupants of one rental home are trying to keep it up; and next door to him is the renter that was the problem.

He said they brought a bright orange, with rust, travel trailer from the 1970s or '80s that was in really bad shape and parked it in the front yard. On Sunday they moved out, but left trash in front which will be there until Friday.

He said the landlord is responsible for the property and, "None of you would want that next to you. It has never been a problem until now."

Marshall said he went to the township planning department and Ordinance Officer Schuler told him nothing in the ordinance speaks to that and, "Nothing in the ordinances said that's not allowable."

"I hope nobody gets offended," Marshall said. "It's never been an issue until now."

Hodges said she would bring the issue to Patrick Sloan's attention, since he is the McKenna planner that is working on the ordinance update.

Report on conditional rezoning

At the last meeting of the planning commission, Tyler Road resident Andrew Pavlosky asked about the status of the conditional rezoning for a proposed medical center on the northeast corner of Belleville and Tyler roads, near his home. In 2007, it was voted to be conditionally rezoned from R-1B (single-family residential) to C-1 (general business) to make way for the medical center.

One of the conditions of the agreement required the owner to submit materials required for site plan review within six months of the agreement. But, the owner never filed a site plan or pursued any development in accordance with the agreement.

Sloan sent a report to the planning commission saying he had researched the paperwork and the contract for the rezoning conditions was never signed or recorded, so it had not really been rezoned. Sloan reported he is working with township attorney Patrick McCauley to see if the township board needs to pass a resolution on the issue.

Hodges said the zoning was never changed on the township zoning map.

Pavlosky said he had seen people out on that corner, apparently discussing the site so he wondered about the zoning.

Court Watching:

Antwon Reid bound over on home invasion, larceny charges

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Antwon Sherrod Reid, 24, was bound over to circuit court after a preliminary exam held before 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley on Oct. 8.

He was ordered to appear at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit at 9 a.m., Oct. 15, before Judge Deborah A. Thomas for an arraignment on the information.

His \$20,000 cash bond was continued, but that bond-out was not possible since he is lodged in the state prison system on other charges.

Reid is charged with home invasion-1st degree and larceny from a building in Van Buren Township on Sept. 9. VBT Police Det. Ken Toney is in charge of the case.

Reid was released from prison on June 21, 2012 after spending two years on a probation violation.

He had pled guilty to assault and battery for original April 30, 2010 charges of: felonious assault, assault with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery.

He originally got a sentence of two-years probation for that plea deal, but then pled guilty to a probation violation of assault and battery on March 28, 2011. There was a failure to appear for sentencing on Oct. 4, 2010. He had a second violation of probation on June 21, 2012.

A warrant for an Aug. 3, 2011 armed robbery was also issued and handled by the 34th District Court.

Anthony Giles Crawford

Anthony Giles Crawford, 48, waived his preliminary exam on charges of operating while intoxicated-3rd, driving while license suspended, and failure to stop at scene of property damage accident (attended vehicle) in Sumpter Township on July 18, 2012.

He was ordered to appear at 9 a.m., Oct. 22 before Judge David A. Groner at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit for an arraignment on the information. Bond of \$5,000/10% was posted. Christopher David Kessel is his court-appointed attorney.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, Oct. 5:

0211 – mental, Vernon St.
0304 – assault & battery, Lighthouse Dr.
0518 – personal injury accident, Hannan Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
0756 – malicious destruction of property, Hull Rd.
1039 – assault & battery, Pebblebrook Dr.
1340 – juvenile complaint, Dollar General
1343 – fight, Tyler School
1726 – indecent exposure, S. Bellridge Dr.
1807 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
1910 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1952 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
1951 – trespassing, Village Green Ln.
2112 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2330 – assault & battery, Village Green Ln.

Monday, Oct. 6:

0143 – intimidation threat, Harmony Ln.
0258 – disturbance, Lohr
0727 – private property accident, Archwood
1153 – suspicious person, Farmer Jack
1159 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1327 – assault & battery, Ash Dr.
1514 – suicide or attempt, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1526 – juvenile complaint, Belleville/Ecorse
1531 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1750 – suspicious person, Bemis Rd.
1932 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

2001 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N I-94 Service Dr.
2059 – assault & battery, Sadie Ln.
2347 – breaking & entering, Tompkins St.

Tuesday, Oct. 7:

0026 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd. / Morton Taylor
1054 – private property accident, Kirkridge Park
1434 – assault & battery, N. Bellridge Dr.
1548 – assault & battery, Van Buren St.
1653 – private property accident, Sumpter Rd.
1728 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2025 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Bemis
2051 – fraud, Oak Ln.

Wednesday, Oct. 8:

0753 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.
0809 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd.
1615 – intimidation threat, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1716 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1742 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1747 – suspicious person, Belleville Rd.
1747 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1825 – mental, Belleville Rd.
1911 – suspicious situation, Hull Rd.
1938 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2127 – larceny, Kennedy St.
2335 – mental, E. Sadie Ln.

Thursday, Oct. 9:

0023 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse Rd. / Denton Rd.
0352 – suspicious person, Haggerty Rd./McBride
0514 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0631 – larceny, Morton Taylor Rd.
1229 – PPO violation, Owen
1235 – malicious destruction of property, Ponderosa
1412 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.
1505 – trespassing, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1507 – juvenile complaint, McBride Ave./Quirk
1511 – malicious destruction of property, Meadows Cir.

1513 – suspicious person, Bog Rd./Monroe Ct.
1708 – holdup alarm, Brookside Dr.
1801 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1903 – juvenile complaint, Lancaster Dr.
2200 – suspicious vehicle, Monterey Dr./S. I-94 Service Dr.

2359 – breaking & entering, Ecorse Rd.

Friday, Oct. 10:

0150 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.
0207 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0615 – suspicious person, Lighthouse Dr.
1228 – mental, Belleville Rd.
1227 – abandoned auto, Harmony Ln.
1257 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1300 – malicious destruction of property, Estrada
1510 – harassment call, Mida Dr.

1536 – juvenile complaint, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1626 – agency assist, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
1922 – shots fired, Hull Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2009 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Tyler
2100 – suspicious vehicle, Hull Rd.
2143 – juvenile complaint, Belleville
2200 – assault & battery, Meadows Cir.
2348 – suspicious vehicle, Bemis/Sumpter

Saturday, Oct. 11:

0022 – suspicious vehicle, Lakewood
0034 – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service
0150 – suspicious situation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0157 – juvenile complaint, Maple Dr.
0209 – suspicious situation, Woodland
0216 – disturbance, Meadows Cir.
0238 – suspicious situation, Parkwood Dr.
0245 – suspicious situation, Parkwood Dr.
0820 – property damage accident, Savage/Sheldon
0830 – property damage accident, McBride Ave.
1039 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1235 – noise complaint, Timberview Ct. / N. Timberview Dr.

1519 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1511 – suicide or attempt, Parkwood Dr.
1703 – juvenile complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2150 – assault & battery, Meadows Cir.
2346 – noise complaint, Renton Rd.

Also on this week's log are 173 traffic stops, 23 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 5:

0041 – suspicious person, N. Liberty St.
0211 – suspicious situation, W. Davis St.
0228 – suspicious vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.
0340 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0631 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Belle Villa Blvd.
1226 – parking complaint, Estrada Dr.
1505 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2126 – welfare check, Loza Ln.
2226 – found property, Main St.

Monday, Oct. 6:

0108 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd. / Sumpter Rd.
1518 – property damage accident, Owen St. / Sumpter Rd.
2151 – suspicious situation, Owen
2204 – assist fire dept., Estrada

Tuesday, Oct. 7:

0032 – civil matter, Main St.
1003 – juvenile complaint, Harris Rd.
1405 – follow up, Rose
1620 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1640 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1707 – fraud, Main St.
1807 – property damage accident, Main/High
1910 – missing person, Carmell St.
2305 – suspicious situation, W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Oct. 8:

0829 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1030 – domestic assault, W. Wabash Ave.
1602 – all other traffic, Owen St.
1918 – E-911 hang up/investigation, latlong
2040 – follow up, Henry St.
2106 – all other traffic, Menlo Park/San Carlos
2151 – parking complaint, Victorian Ln.

Thursday, Oct. 9:

1126 – misc. complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
1154 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1230 – PPO violation, Owen
1255 – agency assist, S. Liberty St.
1901 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
2343 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, Oct. 10:

0223 – suspicious situation, Belle Villa Clubhouse
0254 – warrant arrest, Romulus PD
0838 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1234 – suspicious vehicle, Biggs Ave.
1356 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1421 – property damage accident, Belleville Bridge

1504 – assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.
1551 – malicious destruction of property, Estrada
1558 – traffic complaint, 5 Points
1701 – sexual assault, W. Columbia Ave.

Saturday, Oct. 11:

0058 – suspicious person, Baypoint/Huron River

0138 – suspicious situation, N. Edgemont Ave.
0224 – suspicious person, River of Life
0745 – miscellaneous complaint, E. Huron River
0816 – property damage accident, Savage/Victoria Commons
1155 – property damage accident, Main/Third
1207 – family trouble, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1352 – agency assist, Collyer
1541 – parking complaint, Victorian Ln. / S. Aberdeen Ct.

1619 – breaking & entering, N. Edgemont Ave.
1906 – family trouble, N. Edgemont Ave.
2113 – domestic assault, Carmell St.
2234 – assist citizen, Loza Ln.
2318 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.

Also on this week's log are 21 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 5:

0347 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1402 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1539 – fire dept. assist, Birch
1602 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Sumpter
1625 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willow
1717 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1848 – shots fired, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Monday, Oct. 6:

0344 – citizen assist, Washington
0933 – well-being check, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0942 – assist other agency, 12000 bl. Rawsonville
1213 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1237 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Martinsville
1320 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1600 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1610 – alarm, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1614 – fraud investigation, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1835 – death investigation, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, Oct. 7:

0010 – harassment complaint, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1205 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1400 – ordinance violation, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
1731 – suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.
2110 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2313 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 8:

0636 – traffic hazard, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
0916 – warrant arrest, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1451 – larceny, Colorado
1752 – suspicious vehicle, Martinsville/Willow
1944 – ordinance violation, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1951 – subpoena service, Wyoming
2105 – violation public health code, E. Arizona
2316 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 9:

0110 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
0813 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0958 – larceny, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
1103 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Martinsville
1205 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
1538 – parking complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1605 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1620 – alarm, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1654 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1700 – trespassing complaint, 48000 bl. Willow
1728 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
1944 – family trouble, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
2021 – assist other agency, Stonecrest
2052 – shots fired, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2159 – suspicious vehicle, Willow/Sumpter

Friday, Oct. 10:

0323 – assist other agency, 26000 bl. S. Huron Rd.
0327 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1003 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1320 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1340 – suspicious incident, Clark/Arkona
1354 – alarm, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1553 – suspicious incident, Martinsville/Willow
1705 – dumping complaint, Sherwood/Arkona
1720 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1732 – suspicious incident, California
1847 – warrant arrest, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2225 – suspicious vehicle, 4700 bl. Oakville Waltz
2254 – ORV complaint, Elwell/Judd

Saturday, Oct. 11:

0459 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1103 – identity theft report, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
1346 – civil dispute, 49000 bl. Collyer Ct.

1556 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1624 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
2011 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Rustic Ln.
2148 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2222 – well-being check, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.

Also on this week's log are 12 follow-up investigations, 35 miscellaneous details, 119 patrol checks, and 60 traffic stops.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Friday, Oct. 17** – Friends Family Theater All FREE Movie Night with bounce house, 7 p.m., Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. A current feature film and “Irreplaceable.” Information: (734) 482-5074

• **Saturday, Oct. 18** – Belleville Zombie 5K Run/Walk. Check in 9 a.m., begins 10 a.m. Starts and ends at Horizon Park, put on by BHS New Tech and Belleville DDA. Register at www.active.com

• **Saturday, Oct. 18, and Sunday, Oct. 19** – Community Art Show at the BYC club house, 831 E. Huron River Dr. Runs from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Free admittance; non-juried. Put on by Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

• **Sunday, Oct. 19** – It's Turkey Shoot time at noon at the gun range on Willow Road. Fund-raiser for Sumpter Parks and Rec, on the four Sundays in October.

• **Sunday, Oct. 19** – Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs

• **Monday, Oct. 20** – From 5 to 7 p.m., State Sen. Pat Colbeck will be in Room E of the Canton Township administration building 1150 S. Canton Center Road, for office hours. The public is invited.

• **Sunday, Oct. 26** – It's Turkey Shoot time at noon at the gun range on Willow Road. Fund-raiser for Sumpter Parks and Rec, on the four Sundays in October.

• **Sunday, Oct. 26** – Fall Festival at 5 p.m. at Belleville Free Will Baptist Church, 750 E. Huron River Dr. Games, Soup Contest, Trunk or Treat, lots of candy.

• **Friday, Oct. 31** – Trick or Treat in downtown Belleville.

• **Saturday, Nov. 1** – Guiding Harbor's 29th-annual Girlstown Auction at the Yankee Air Museum, 47884 D Street. Registration/socializing, 4-4:30 p.m., live and silent auction with cash bar, 4:30-7 p.m. Dinner and event tickets \$50 per person until Oct. 25; \$60 thereafter. None at the door. tmwhitten01@gmail.com or 231-878-4150.

• **Sunday, Nov. 2** – Bugles Across America is held at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in Belleville to honor military people serving and at rest with a brief ceremony.

• **Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8** – Sumpter Seniors Craft Show runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at the Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Road. Table sales help support the Senior Christmas Party. Information: (734) 461-2296.

School Board

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10 years, retired; Carol Wegerbauer, bus driver for two years, other employment; Andrew Monteleone, custodian for eight years, relocation; and Jennifer Yee, cafeteria supervisor for one year, other employment;

• Approved hiring: Jeanne Riley, recalled Edgemont paraprofessional; Angelina Brown, BHS secretary; Jennifer Cornell, Tyler, part-time secretary; Natreece Hollins, Savage, part-time secretary; Kristine Spillman, Rawsonville part-time secretary; Nicole Gehly, Edgemont part-time secretary; Kristina Malava, BHS custodian; and Karen Waller, cafeteria

supervisor;

• Approved the requested terminations of teachers: Michelle Conrad-Vlodyka, Haggerty, 13 years, other employment; Khaii Mason, McBride, one year, other employment; Joel Garcis, BHS, one month, resigned; and Mary Larabee, Owen, 11 years, resigned;

• Approved the following new hires: Yolanda Curtis in special services as transition coordinator/job coach; Erin Swenson, districtwide psychologist; LaKisha Washington-Booker, McBride ELA teacher; and the following teachers: Michael Kedroske, McBride; Eyonna Tredway, Rawsonville; Cassidy Taylor, ECDC; Joshua Jetton, BHS; Caterina Delia, ECDC; and Mary Reinhard, BHS;

• Heard Kristy Pagan introduce herself as Democratic candidate for state representative to replace Dian Slavens who is term-limited and a candidate for state senate in another district;

• Heard Jackie Davis, local State Farm agent, promote her company's safe driving contest to get people to commit to not texting while driving. She asked people to email celebratemydrive.com every day from Oct. 15 to 24 to vote for BHS and they might win \$100,000 for the school; and

• Heard Van Tassel say the items on next Monday's 7 p.m. work/study meeting at the administration building will be: Sinking Fund; bottom 30% of the students; and the final Focus School report on Tyler.



Phillip Miller put up a scarecrow in front of his mother's law office on Main Street last Friday to boost the total of registered scarecrows on display up to 40. Then, Miller was called by City Manager Diana Kollmeyer and told to take down the scarecrow because it was a "political issue" and an unnamed city employee had called her about it. Miller said he refused to take it down after reviewing the list of scarecrow contest rules. He said while his scarecrow may have had a political issue (the names of the books are candidates in the Nov. 4 election), which could be in violation of Rule #5, many other scarecrows erected along Main Street have commercial issues, which is against Rule #11. Miller called Kollmeyer's order "selective enforcement."

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This November, vote as if your paycheck or pension is on the line...because it is! When we vote, we win!

Booville

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things just have to wait until the time is right.

"We copied the Harvest Fest organization, with all representatives overseeing their own organizations and everyone cooperating," Thompson said.

"The DDA agreed early on to support the theme of Booville," Thompson recalled. "It was agreed I could hold the information together."

Thompson, who is responsible for posting events on the Community Events sign at High and Main streets is putting the Booville events on the sign and posting the information on the DDA website: www.buyitinbelleville.com/Boo-ville. She also has designed advertisements for the events.

After last summer was over, the organizations got together in September to put the final events together for this first year and they will be following up after the event to see how everything went.

She said they will keep going and see who can be involved next year. She said on

Saturday the Girl Scouts asked to take part in next year's Booville.

Thompson said the DDA has decorated the downtown for the season and the DDA paid for promotional magnets and the Booville ad in the Belleville High School football program.

Thompson said the Booville schedule shows separate organizations holding separate events and the groups all supporting each other and sharing.

"I just love everybody being a good partner," Thompson said.

"It's been a fun ride. I hope it keeps up now."



Court Watching:

Zachary Hilton has jury trial set for Jan. 22 for four felony charges

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Zachary Allen Hilton, 19, had his calendar conference on Sept. 26 at the Wayne County Circuit Court where his jury trial was set for Jan. 22 on four felony charges.

Hilton stood before Judge Vera Massey Jones, who set his final conference before the trial for Nov. 14.

His bond of \$7,500 or 10%, set by 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green,

was continued.

Hilton is charged with assault by strangulation, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, interfering with a crime report (committing crime/threatening to kill or injure), and domestic violence.

He is alleged to have attacked the mother of his child around midnight Aug. 19 at her home in the 47000 block of Hull in Van Buren Township.

VBT Police Detective Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge of the case. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor is Danielle Christine Strace. Hilton has a court-appointed attorney.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE 09-02-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE 06-02-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN.

Second reading for adoption.

An ordinance to amend Section 4.01 of the Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 as amended of the Charter Township of Van Buren.

The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:

SECTION 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

To amend Section 4.01 by deleting the last sentence which states, "Uses for enterprises that are contrary to federal, state or local laws or ordinances are prohibited."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect upon the expiration of seven (7) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 7th day of October, 2014.

YEAS: Combs, Wright, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan, Miller
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Budd
ABSTAINED: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen (15) days of passage. The Ordinance may be reviewed at Van Buren Charter Township located at 46425 Tyler Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

Leon Wright, Clerk

Linda Combs, Supervisor

Adopted: 10-7-2014
Published: 9-11-2014 & 10-16-2014
Effective: 10-24-2014



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE Notice of Adoption Ordinance No. 14-001

ORDINANCE AMENDING PART II CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1-13 PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS.

Section 1	Section 1-13 of the Code of Ordinances shall be amended.
	1. Misdemeanor
	2. Municipal Civil Infraction
	3. Unspecified Penalties
Section 2	Severability
Section 3	Repeal
Section 4	Effective Date

Ordinance No. 14-001 was adopted by the Belleville City Council on October 6, 2014 and will become effective on October 17, 2014. A complete and true copy of Ordinance No. 14-001 is available for inspection and may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

Lisa Long, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: October 16, 2014



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE Notice of Adoption Ordinance No. 14-003

TO ADOPT A NEW SIGN ORDINANCE THAT WILL REPLACE THE SIGN ORDINANCE IN ITS ENTIRETY. THE PROPOSED SIGN ORDINANCE EMPLOYS A MORE LOGICAL ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND CONTAINS ADDITIONAL GRAPHIC REPRESENTATIONS OF SIGN REGULATIONS, DESIGNED TO MAKE THE SIGN ORDINANCE EASIER TO UNDERSTAND AND MORE USER-FRIENDLY.

Article 1.0	Purpose and Introduction
Article 2.0	Definitions
Article 3.0	Sign Standards
Article 4.0	Review Procedures
Article 5.0	Administration, Appeals and Enforcement
	Severability
	Repeal
	Publication & Effective Date

Ordinance No. 14-003 was adopted by the Belleville City Council on October 6, 2014 and will become effective on October 17, 2014. A complete and true copy of Ordinance No. 14-003 is available for inspection and may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

Lisa Long, CMC
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 7, 2014

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Excused Absence: Treasurer Budd. Others in attendance: Executive Assistant LaMothe, Developmental Services Consultant Sloan, Secretary Montgomery and an audience of eight

(8).
APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Trustee Miller requested removal of Consent Agenda item #5 [approval of the Organizational Chart for the Public Safety Department] to be postponed for further discussion by Board members. Miller moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Carried
APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended [Work Study Session Minutes September 15, 2014; Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 16, 2014; Resolution 2014-28, Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming License for Motor City Bulldogs Baseball Club and the

Voucher list of September 19, 2014]. Carried.
PUBLIC HEARING: None.
CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs requested to move correspondence during announcements.
PUBLIC COMMENT: None
UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
NEW BUSINESS: Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the Second Reading for Adoption of Ordinance 09-02-14 to Amend Section 4.01 of the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 as amended, to revise Section 4.01 by deleting the sentence which states, "Uses for enterprises that are contrary to Federal, State or Local Laws or Ordinances are prohibited". Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Combs, Wright, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller. Excused Absent: Budd. Carried
REPORTS: August 2014 Budgetary Report was received and filed. A copy of the report is available for review at the Clerk's Office.
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs read a letter from Trustee McClanahan to Public Safety Director Laurain commending the efforts of Lieutenant Bazzzy, Sergeant Papin and Ordinance Officer Schuler for promptly addressing ordinance violations at a property located on Tyler Road. Free Conversational German class with Damian Grunbacher Oct 15 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., CVS Pharmacy is offering Flu Shots October 15 bring your Health Insurance card, Learn Meditation October 24, 11:00 a.m. sign up by October 17 \$5.00, Elder Law & Advocacy Center Offering Free Legal Presentation to persons sixty years of age or older, family members, and person caring for older adults November 19 10:00 a.m., Medicare Open Enrollment Assistance and Counseling October 30, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Greeting Card Workshop four-week class Mondays October 13-November 3, 9:00 a.m. \$5.00 includes supplies sign up in advance.
AUDIENCE: Resident requested that Board Members review site plan specifications for Walden Woods Subdivision as they pertain to road improvements on Morton Taylor Road.
CLOSED SESSION: None
ADJOURNMENT: McClanahan moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Carried.
Respectfully submitted,
Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor
Published: October 16, 2014



City of Belleville Public Notice



Fall 2014 Leaf Collection Schedule

The City of Belleville will start this year's fall leaf collection program on Monday, November 3, 2014. The City is divided into two service areas to make the leaf collection process more convenient and efficient. City crews will pick up leaves in each area on alternating weeks according to the schedule below.

Please put piles of leaves (without twigs and other yard waste) between the sidewalk and curb - not in the road. Piles of leaves will be left uncollected if they cannot be accessed because of parked cars. Twigs and other yard waste may be placed in paper bags or yard waste containers for the regular weekly refuse collection through November.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Only leaves, grass clippings and garden waste (free of dirt, root balls, twigs and branches) may be placed for leaf collection between the sidewalk and curb. If there are any twigs, sticks, paper, rocks, trash or garbage of any kind, the City will not be able to pick up the pile, and you will be responsible for having the material removed.

SERVICE AREA No. 1

SERVICE AREA No. 2

COLLECTION DURING WEEKS OF

**November 3rd
November 17th
December 1st**

**November 10th
November 24th
December 8th**

LOCATIONS INCLUDED IN SERVICE AREA

**Harbour Pointe Sub
North & South Liberty
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th
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Brain
Edison
High
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Roys
Sumpter Road
Savage Road
South Street
Main Street
Victoria Commons**

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East & West Wabash**

Publish October 16 & 23, 2014

EQ sets Household Hazardous Waste Day for VBT residents

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18, the Environmental Quality Company will open its gates of the east parking lot to a free, one-day drop off of household hazardous waste for Van Buren Township residents only.

EQ is located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive, between Belleville and Rawsonville roads.

EQ offers this each year to VBT residents to dispose of household hazardous waste in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.

All products should be tightly sealed to prevent spillage while transporting to the facility and all containers brought to the collection must be left at the collection. Products will not be accepted in milk jugs because the plastic is thin and punctures easily.

For more information on what is accepted, call Jennifer Price at VBT, (734) 697-8921.



YMCA Dash in Disguise added to Booville events on Saturday, Oct. 25

The Booville 1-Mile Dash in Disguise, a fun run for individuals and families, has been added by the Plymouth YMCA to the roster of events for Saturday, Oct. 25.

This event is planned to bring families to downtown Belleville that morning for the Community Action Foundation-5 pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. under the big tent on the Fourth Street Square.

Karen Mida, CAF5 member, approached the YMCA about working together with CAF5 to bring more families to the downtown area for family events.

The Booville 1-Mile Dash in Disguise will take registrations on race day only from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. in the gazebo at Horizon Park on High Street in downtown Belleville. The run/walk will start at Horizon Park, follow a course on the sidewalk along Main Street to Second Street, crossing with the help of Reserve Police Officers, and then heading back and ending at the Booville tent on the 4th Street Square for the pancake breakfast.

Dash in Disguise participants will receive a discounted price on the pancake breakfast tickets: \$5 per person, with those age 3 and under free. All proceeds will benefit the YMCA Annual Campaign which provides financial assistance to families in need.

"The YMCA is so excited about being part of the Booville events," said Sage Hegdal, executive director of the Plymouth Family YMCA.

Hegdal encouraged runners to wear their costume disguises for the event. There will be costume-based prizes for the best family costume, the most creative costume, and the most colorful costume. Also, the first 100 finishers will receive a prize at the finish line.

Because this was a last-minute addition, the Dash in Disguise event has yet to be approved by the Belleville City Council.

"Scaring up Some Fun"

Also on Oct. 25, after the pancake breakfast in the Booville tent, from noon to 4 p.m. there will be "Scaring up Some Fun" for youngsters, which includes games, crafts, a not-so-scary movie and face painting. Cost is \$5 per family to enter the tent. There are charges for face painting (by Funifaces) and food (by A&W). All games with prizes are free, including pumpkin painting. This is put on by the Belleville Central Business Community.

"Booville After Dark"

Also on Oct. 25, "Booville after Dark" will feature adult scary movies on the big screen in the Booville tent from 6 to 11 p.m. at \$10 per couple to enter the tent. This also is put on by the CBC. Refreshments are sold by Bayou Grill and there will be a raffle for two tickets for a Pistons game in the Belfor Suite and a 50/50 drawing.

Oct. 23, Library author talk

A Booville event at the Belleville Area District Library will be from 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23, and feature author Kristy Robinette speaking on "Michigan

Haunted Legends and Lore," plus "Ghosts of Southeast Michigan." This event is free.

Oct. 23, 24, 25, Library Tours

The Belleville Area District Library will offer paranormal tours, "The Big Reveal," from 7 to 10 p.m., with tours every 15 minutes, at a charge, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Oct. 23-25.

Oct. 24, Masquerade Dance

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will host a Monster Mash Masquerade Dance from 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24, with prizes for best mask. This will be under the big tent on the Fourth Street Square and refreshments will be available from Egan's Pub.

Oct. 26, Black Magic Ball

The Belleville Community Chorus and Blue Steel Jazz Band will present the Black Magic Ball from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26, with a vintage big band.

This also will be in the big Booville tent at the Fourth Street Square and refreshments will be by Egan's Pub and The Lunch Box restaurant.

Halloween Decorating Contest

Judging will take place Oct. 24-26 in the Booville Halloween Decorating contest for families/individuals and businesses within the 48111 zip code – including the communities of Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township.

This contest is being put on by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and registration is free, but contest entry forms must be submitted by Oct. 22. One business and one residence will be chosen in each of the three communities.

The winners will receive a framed certificate of recognition to be presented at the next scheduled board or council meeting.

Scarecrow contest

Forty scarecrows are tied to lampposts along Belleville's Main Street. This is an annual event, but this year is being touted as part of the Booville celebration.

Trick or Treat in downtown, Oct. 31

On Friday, Oct. 31, the annual Trick or Treat to businesses on Main Street and the Halloween Costume Contest takes place from 5 to 7 p.m., based around the Fourth Street Square.

This is a free event put on by the downtown merchants, the city of Belleville and the CBC.

This is the final event in the month of October and Booville is over.

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Photo courtesy Sumpter Township
Sumpter Township Police Chief James Pierce, left, officially receives his new patrol car from Trustee Bill Hamm, who is handing it over on behalf of the whole township board. At its July 8 meeting, the board of trustees approved purchase of a 2015 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicle from Atchinson Ford at a cost of \$28,601. Police Captain Eric Luke explained that the chief's current vehicle was purchased in the fall of 2002 and is a 2003 model. It has 125,000 miles on it and is 12 years old. He said the chief needs an emergency vehicle since he responds to incidents.

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